

REMARKS

1. Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. This communication amends claims 1, 3, 9, 11, 18, 20 and 22, and cancels claims 2 and 10. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

2. It is noted that claims 2, 3, 10 and 11 contain allowable subject matter.

3. Claims 1, 5-9, and 13-22 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Application Publication 2004/0036143 to Hu *et al.* (Hu).

In response, claims 1, 18, and 22 have each been amended to require the subject matter of allowable claim 2, i.e., “one of the at least two electrically conductive plate segments is thinner than the other one.” Claims 9 and 20 have each been amended to require the subject matter of allowable claim 10, i.e., “the plate segments of one of the first and second plurality of electrically conductive plate segments are thinner than the plate segments of the other one.”

Hu does not describe, teach or suggest a capacitor comprising such a structure. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

4. Claims 4 and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hu in view of U.S. Patent 5,583,359 to Ng *et al.* (Ng).

Hu in view of Ng fail to teach or suggest a capacitor wherein “one of the at least two electrically conductive plate segments is thinner than the other one,” as presently recited in claim 4 by virtue of its dependency on currently amended claim 1. Hu in view

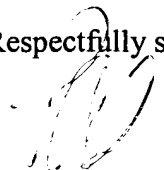
of Ng also fail to teach or suggest a capacitor wherein "the plate segments of one of the first and second plurality of electrically conductive plate segments are thinner than the plate segments of the other one," as presently recited in claim 12 by virtue of its dependency on currently amended claim 9.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully urged.

5. Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested as it is believed that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and, further, that claims 1-22 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the examiner is cordially invited to contact applicants' undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17, which are associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2061.

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